

ADJOURNED

COMMISSION MEETING

11:00 A.M.

JULY 29, 2020

The Governing Body of the City of Emporia, Kansas, met in Adjourned Session, Wednesday, July 29, 2020, in the City Commission Meeting Room with Mayor Giefer presiding and Commissioners Brinkman, Geitz, and Smith present. Commissioner Gilligan was present via phone. Also present were City Manager McAnarney, Assistant City Manager Massey, and City Clerk Sull. City Attorney Montgomery was absent.

**CITY COMMISSION
(Public Comment)**

Travis Carmichael, representing the Farmers Market, was in attendance to accept a proclamation declaring the week of August 2 through 8, 2020, as "Farmers Market Week" in Emporia. He stated local Ag producers, gardeners, bakers and artisans provide citizens with access to healthful, locally and regionally produced foods through farmers markets, which are expanding and evolving to accommodate the demand of products. The City recognizes the importance of expanding agricultural marketing opportunities that assist and encourage the next generation of farmers and ranchers; generate farm income to help stimulate business development and job creation; build community connections through rural and urban linkages and more. In observance of National Farmers Market Week, citizens are called upon to celebrate farmers market activities.

Mayor Giefer then presented the proclamation.

**CITY COMMISSION
(Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas - CARES SPARK FUNDS)
(City of Emporia Coronavirus Relief)
(Approve Potential Projects)**

Jim Witt, Special Projects Coordinator, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. He stated the State Finance Council approved the SPARK Taskforce's proposal to distribute money to Lyon County to help address the health and economic challenges inflicted by COVID-19 based on Lyon County's population and impact from COVID-19. He stated the City has a potential list of projects that could qualify under the CARES/SPARKS FUNDS. The project list needs to be submitted to the County on July 31, 2020. Final action will need to be taken by August 5th or August 12th in

order for the County to have sufficient time to submit their Direct Aid Plan to the State. He stated the list has been revised with a total of \$565,000.00, excluding an undetermined amount towards Economic Development for businesses. He stated the available funds are fluid as other entities revise their lists. He stated staff is recommending approval of the list of potential projects to keep moving forward with the County.

Commissioner Geitz made a motion to approve potential CARES/SPARKS projects. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Giefer, aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for preliminary discussion regarding a potential land acquisition from 11:10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Geitz seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Gilligan, aye; and Mayor Giefer, aye.

Upon reconvening the meeting in Regular Session at 11:15 a.m., this same date, in the City Commission Meeting Room, Mayor Giefer stated they had discussed potential land acquisition and no action was taken.

Commissioner Brinkman then made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Geitz seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Giefer, aye.

Danny Giefer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kerry Sull, City Clerk